Natak Akademi, the seniority list in each cadre is maintained; seniority lists in respect of the posts of Junior Clerk-*cum*-Typist, Steno-Typist and Stenographer have since been updated and circulated. The other seniority lists are being updated and will be circulated in due course.

Recruitment Rules of the Sangeet Natak Academi

1205. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2661 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1983 and state:

(a) the name of the competent authority which frames the recruitment rules for the posts of Superintendent (Accounts), Accounts Officer and Finance and Accounts Offier in the Sangeet Natak Akademi;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the above permanent posts have been filled in by the promotees of the Akademi on a purely *ad hoc* basis; and

(c) if so, under which service rules of the Akademi these promotions have been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Executive Board of the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

(b) and (c) According to the Sangeet Natak Akademi which is an autonomous organisation, the matter relating to the promotion of appointments to the posts of Superintendent, Accounts Officer and Finance and Accounts Officer in the Sangeet Natak Akademi, is *subjudice*. It is, therefore, not possible to offer comments at this stage.

Redesignated posts of Senior Accountants in Sangeet Natak Akademi

1206. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2673 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1983 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the three persons working in the posts of Senior Accountants were appointed to the redesignated posts as Superintendents (Accounts) on the same date in the Sangeet Natak Akademi; nad

(b) the number and date of the letter addressed to Comptroller and Auditor General by the Akademi for appointment to the post of Superintendent (Accounts) on deputation basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Sangeet Natak Akademi sent letter No. Admn.|17-6|80-81|9194 dated 7th January, 1982 to the C.A.C. for appointment to the post of Senior Accountant [re-designated as Superintendent (Accounts)]

Lack of Drainage in Low Lying Areas of Laxmi Nagar and Shakarpur

1207. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in certain low lying areas, lanes and roads in the regularised colonies of Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur and Pandav Nagar in Delhi rain water gets collected as there are no proper outlets for draining it out;

(b) whether any steps are being taken to remedly this situation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Development Authority are inviting tenders for the work which will be undertaken shortly, to remedy the situation.

Rice Production Programme

1208. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a special programme for increasing rice production in the eastern region; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A special rice production programme in the six eastern States of Assam, Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and eastern parts of M.P. and U.P. is proposed to be taken up during the Seventh Five Year Plan. As a forerunner to this programme a pilot project in 51 selected blocks of these States has been taken up during the current year. Under this project special emphasis is being laid on better management and co-ordination to extend the rice production technology to the farmers, strengthening and improving the infrastructure for inputs and credit supply, introduction of new technology through demonstrations, training and popularisation of agricultural machinery, etc.

Damage to Indian Ship because of Iranian Shelling

1209. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Pioneer' of the 5th April, 1984 to the effect that an Indian ship which was berthed in the Shatt-Al-Arab waterways was set ablaze as a result of Iranian shelling;

(b) if so, the name of the Indian ship and the extent to which it suffered damage as a result of shelling; and

(c) whether compensation has been claimed by the Government of India from Iran, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Varun Yan of M|s. Thakur Shipping Company caught fire as a result of shelling. The engine room had a hole of 4' x 2' in addition to the damage caused by fire.

(c) No compensation has been claimed by Government of India from Iran. The vessels is coveded under the Indian War Risk Insurance Scheme and the owners have been paid Rs. 1 20 crores.

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1210. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या **शिक्षा और संस्कृति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत सरकार अथवा मध्य प्रदेश सरकार के उन आदेशों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके अधीन माडल इंडस्ट्रीज ट्रेनिंग इंस्टीट्यूट, भोपाल द्वारा प्रदान किए जाने वाले नेशनल ट्रेड सर्टिफिकेट आफ ड्राफ्ट्समैन (सिविल) को डिप्लोमा अथवा सिविल इंजीनियरिंग के प्रमाणपत्र के समकक्ष घोषित किया गया है; और